



## CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

April 12, 2016

To: All Interested Parties

Re: AN EXPLANATION OF HOW THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE WILL COORDINATE THE MUNICIPAL APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT FACILITIES.

### **Overlay Map:**

The City of Somerville recently adopted a Medical Marijuana Overlay Map, designating certain locations within the City as better suited to accommodate Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities. This map is now available on the City's website.

### **Municipal Review Process:**

The City has also recently formed a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from the City's Department of Health and Human Services, the Planning Department, and the Police Department. The Advisory Committee will serve to administer a fair and objective municipal review process for all parties interested in opening a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility in Somerville. The Advisory Committee will rank applications based on a standardized set of criteria, and will provide these rankings to the Mayor, at which point the Mayor will determine whether or not to provide a letter of support or non-opposition to any Applicants. Once the letter is provided, Applicants may proceed to apply for a Special Permit to establish a Medical Marijuana Treatment Facility in the Medical Marijuana Overlay District.

### **Information Session for Applicants:**

The City is holding a public meeting for interested parties on April 26, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. in City Hall, located at 93 Highland Avenue. The formal Municipal Application form for Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities will be released on the same date as the meeting. The application procedures and schedule will be discussed at this meeting. While this meeting is not mandatory for applicants, applicants are encouraged to attend. Members of the public are also welcome to attend.

